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CLUB COPIER TO BE OBSOLETE

The Office Equipment Company has notified the RPA that the Cannon NP-155 copier (purchased in 1985 for \$2495.00) will not be serviced after December 31, 1999. The Cannon Company has discontinued manufacturing consumables, toner and drums, and all replacement parts. Third party toner may be available but not covered under any service contract.

The RPA Board of Governors met on October 21, 1999 to discuss this topic. It was decided unanimously by those in attendance that a club copier is needed "in house". It was also agreed that we would run the Cannon NP-155 as long as possible. As long as the service contract will be honored and no major expenses made to keep the machine running. All board members have been asked to keep looking for good buys and information on a good copier. When the time comes we will have to replace this machine and that will be a major expense that will require a vote from the general RPA membership. We'll keep you informed.

STEPEX WINNERS

Seven members of RPA exhibited at STEPEX, Oct. 22-23 at the Arnot Mall in Horseheads, and their exhibits won these awards:

Gold – Figure Skating by **Alice Johnson**; Corning NY to 1900 by **Alan Parsons**.

Silver – Earth's Treasures by **Elli Phelps**; Way Out West by **Marge Schleining**; The Hobby Shop by **Kelly Armstrong**; Norfolk Island Overprints, and First Day Covers of the 5.9 cent Bicycle Transportation Coil, by **Ray Stone**.

Bronze – Philatelic Reflections of the Twentieth Century by **Tom Fortunato**.

STEPEX is put on by the Elmira Stamp Club and is held annually about this time. There were 25 adult and 5 youth exhibits at this year's show.

Judges were Al Guenzburger of Guilford, Chief judge; Maris Tirums, Albany; and Roger Quinby, Clifton park.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters are in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, on the corner of East Avenue and Vick Park B, across from the George Eastman House. A buy/sell/trade session runs from 7-7:45 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:45 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program.

MONROE COUNTY POST OFFICES

COMPILED BY DOUGLAS PENWELL

<u>POST OFFICE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>POST OFFICE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Charlotte	1812-	Est. in Genesee, to station of Rochester	Mendon Corner	1822-1829***	Name change from and to Mendon
Penfield	1812-	Established in Ontario County	Perinton	1822-1853	Name change to Fairport
Riga	1812-1900	Established in Genesee County	Chili	1822/1953	See East Riga
Parma	1812-1905	Established in Genesee County	Brookport	1823-	
Rochester	1812-	Established in Genesee County	Bates	1824-1827***	
Mendon	1815/	Established in Ontario County	South Chili	1825-1849	Name change to Clifton
Pittsford	1816-	Est. in Ontario, name change from Boyle	Greece	1825-1901	Name change to Ada
Brighton	1817/	Est. in Ontario, to station of Rochester	Bushnell's Basin	1826-1900	"s" dropped 1893
Henrietta	1818-	Established in Ontario County	Wheatland	1826-1858	
North Penfield	1818-1840	Est. in Ontario, name change to Webster	West Mendon	1826-1838	Name change to Honeoye Falls
Sweden	1819/1903	Established in Genesee County	Hanfords Landing	1827/1875	Name change to Barnards Crossing
Clyde	1819-1829	Est. Ont. name change to North Rochester	Adams Basin	1828	See Clyde
Rush	1819-	Established in Ontario County	North Rochester	1829-1832***	
Scottsville	1819-	Established in Genesee County	North Chili	1829-	
East Riga	1819-1822***	Est. in Genesee, name change to Chili	Churchville	1829-	
Ogden	1820/1903	Established in Genesee County	North Mendon	1830-1845***	
Clarkson	1820-	Established in Genesee County	West Henrietta	1830-	
			West Rush	1830-1988	
			Parma Centre	1831-1905	
			West Chili	1833	Name change to O'Connellsville
			O'Connellsville	1833-1850	
			Gates	1834/1915	
			West Penfield	1835-1844	Name change to West Webster
			North Greece	1835/	
			Honeoye Falls	1838-	See West Mendon
			Spencerport	1838-	Name Change from Ogden
			Egypt	1838-1902	
			Irondequoit	1839/	To branch of Rochester. 1951

Webster	1840-	See North Penfield
West Greece	1844-1900	
Mumford	1844-	
West Webster	1844/	To branch of Webster
Clarkson Centre	1844-1861	Name change to Hamlin
Kendall Mills	1847	To Orleans County after 6 months
Clifton	1849-1976	See South Chili
East Clarkson	1850-1871	
North Clarkson	1851-1874	Name change to East Hamlin
North Parma	1851-1896	Name change to Hilton
Salmon Creek	1851-1856	
Mendon Centre	1851-1901	
South Greece	1852/1901	
West Brighton	1852-1902	
Fairport	1853-	See Perinton
East Penfield	1855/1901	
Redmans Corners	1858-1859	
North Rush	1858-1915	
Mount Read	1860-1900	
Penfield Centre	1860-1869	
Hamlin	1861-	See North Clarkson
Coldwater	1868-1962	
North Hamlin	1869-1902	
Union Hill	1870-	
East Hamlin	1874-1906	Name change to Walker
Barnards Crossing	1875-1902	"s" dropped 1893, name change to Barnard
Pierces	1875-1889	
South Gates	1876-1884	
Chili Station	1876-1922	
Brookmere	1879-1902	
Garbutt	1880-1943	
Ridgeland	1885-1902	
Bealsburgh	1886-1914	
Garland	1887-1901	"h" dropped 1894
Arnold	1888-1889****	
Nine Mile Point	1889-1890****	
Lincoln Park	1889-1921	

Moreton Farm	1889-1898	
Forest Lawn	1890-1930	
Manitou Beach	1891-1895	Never actually operated
Mortimer	1892-1922	
Roseview	1892-1899	
Bidwell	1895-1901	
Harport	1895-1896****	
Hilton	1896-	See North Parma
Rochester Junction	1896-1951	
Beckwith	1897-1901****	
Woodlawn	1897-1899	
Roseland	1897-1900****	
Despatch	1897-1907	Name change to East Rochester
Claverhouse	1899/1934	
Otis	1899-1901	
Ada	1901-1902	See Greece
Barnard	1902-1922	See Barnard Crossing
Ponds	1906-1909	Summer post office
Industry	1906-	
Walker	1906-1974	See East Hamlin
East Rochester	1907-	See Despatch
Sea Breeze	1910-1955	
Point Pleasant	1922-1982	To branch of Rochester, 1954

Dates listed are the period of operation for each office. Total: 105

No closing year indicates an operating post office.

A slash between dates indicates the office DID NOT operate continuously.

A slash after date of establishment indicates same for operating offices.

Monroe and Livingston Counties were created February, 1821

Genesee County was created March, 1802

Ontario County was created January, 1789 - went all the way to Niagara at the time.

A single asterisk (*) indicates recorded markings outside date range.

Three asterisks (***) indicate no postmarks recorded.

IS THE QUEEN REALLY A STAMP COLLECTOR?

Karen & Duncan Barber recently returned from a 23 day trip to England & Scotland, they share their review of the trip, including a couple of interesting philatelic moments.

We landed at Gatwick about noon on the 3rd and were picked up by a relative and taken to Crowborough (home of Arthur Conan Doyle) via Ashdown Forest, past the Pooh Stick Bridge and through some very pretty Sussex and East Sussex countryside. While we were there, we went to Kent. There we saw Leeds Castle (very pretty & Karen got us lost in the maze), the Seven Sisters park (lots of walking and mega cliffs), one of England's last working windmills (not running on that day), and Dover Castle (a very good deal for the money - very informative and a great view).

We left there on the 8th, stopping in London to go to St. James Palace, where we had been invited courtesy of a family friend and his cousin (who works for the Queen) to view the Queen's stamp collection. The assistant keeper and the volunteer conservator showed us some of very rare items, including pre-Penny Black essays; KGV die proofs, an imperf strip from a three row comb perforator, and tete-beche blocks; and the Blue Mauritius (worth 2 million pounds). In only two hours it was impossible to see everything. The collection takes up an entire room.

Then, it was on to Gaddesby and see surrounding areas. These including Nottingham Castle, the oldest inn in England (read pub), with rooms built into the cliff below the castle, a distant view of Belvoir Castle (not open on Fridays), Oakham Hall, with all its ornate horseshoes, and Kirby (or Kirkby) Muxlowe, the ruins of the castle Hastings built (almost) before he was beheaded.

From there, we passed through Shrewsbury, where we took a walking tour of the castle (Museum) and Cadfael Country. At the Shrewsbury Experience, we "solved" a Cadfael Mystery and Karen made an arty document in the Scriptorium. Then it was on to Higher Whitley, Cheshire and Bentley Farm, where we relaxed, visited family in the surrounding area, and took countryside walks

Our next stop was Edinburgh - the worst stop. Our train was taken off line, we arrived too late for us to make our connection in York, and got to Edinburgh without enough time to see both the castle and Holyrood House, as planned. So we saw the castle - in a downpour - and only the outside of Holyrood.

We stayed at a hostel across from a pub with an outside beer garden. The weather cleared at dinner hour, and the bawdy Scots caroused until 4:00 a.m. with much screaming, yelling, and other noise, the police trying to break things up, and us getting no sleep.

We caught a 6:45 A.M. train to Inverness and found it to be lovely there. We decided to skip the tourist trap that pushes "Nessie", saw a dolphin and a seal on the river, toured the city, and ended at Castle Wynd where we'd started. Then we took that very entertaining tour - a mock recruitment into the army - offered there. We hopped onto a sleeper back to London that night. So much for a taste of Scotland.

Passing through London, we went to Colchester, where another cousin put us up for two nights at a B&B. Here we were toured through Constable Country, seeing many picturesque villages and old churches. We also saw Colchester Castle (Museum and gardens), the tiny, but free and good, Natural History Museum (Duncan would like their video microscope for his stamps), St. Botolph's Priory ruins and intact church, and much of the old Roman wall.

On the 20th, we spent the day in London, en route to Poole/Bournemouth. We tried to see the tower of London, and it was closed due to a power failure caused by heavy rains. We took a wet, frustrating hour to search of a bank to cash travelers checks. Lloyds was closed, and other banks charge an exorbitant amount to do it. We did get to tour Buckingham Palace as we were there during open season this time. Karen said she wouldn't mind living there, if she had the staff to clean it.

The cousins in Poole took us to see Corfe Castle, Stonehenge (again in a downpour) and the Yeovilton Fleet Air Arm Museum, as well as the quays, beaches, and countryside and the Life Boat and Poole Pottery museums.

They provided us with free admission tickets for Autumn Stampex, and we were back to London. Both of us managed to find items to purchase, with Karen spending the most for a single item (actually, a package of 2 Hradcany semi-postals - imperf - with no surcharge - a rarity). Duncan got a coil leader and first day cover of a GB Machin that is not listed in the Scott catalogue (the 25p coil with plain perforations and no ellipse). We have a lot of pictures, and if anyone really would like to see them, let us know and we will bring them to ROPEX



NEW MEMBER

Please welcome new member to
RPA, Eugene M. Yount Jr., of Long
Park Drive, Rochester

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Ada Prill comments that she has finally finished all the press releases for the Youth Championship from Athens, Georgia "The winner was a spectacular exhibit on basketball, but the quality of the entries was very high. People kept coming up to me and asking if these exhibits were *really* done by kids. I think part of it is that kids use computers so well that all of the exhibits looked well polished. But the kids had really done a lot of research, too. I love working with eager young stamp collectors. Unfortunately none of them were there! Next year I'm going to try to hold it in the summer and see if some of the kids can come then."

SCOTT GRADING STANDARDS

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Stamps have designs that are noticeably off center on two sides. Imperforate stamps may have small margins, and earlier issues may show the design touching one edge of the stamp design. For perforated stamps, perfs may barely clear the design on one side, and very early issues normally will have the perforations slightly cutting into the design. Used stamps will not have a cancellation that detracts from the design.

F-VF

Stamps may be somewhat off center on one side, or slightly off center on two sides. Imperforate stamps will have two margins of at least normal size, and the design will not touch any edge. For perforated stamps, the perfs are well clear of the design, but are still noticeable off center. However, early issues may be printed in such a way that the design naturally is very close to the edges.

In these cases, the perforations may cut into the design very slightly. Used stamps will not have a cancellation that detracts from the design.

VF

Stamps may be slightly off center on one side, but the design will be well clear of the edge. The stamp will present a nice, balanced appearance. Imperforate stamps will have three normal sized margins. However, early perforated issues may be printed in such a way that the perforations may touch the design on one or more sides. Used stamps will have light or otherwise neat cancellations.

XF

Stamps are close to being perfectly centered. Imperforate stamps will have even margins that are larger than normal. Even the earliest perforated issues will have perforations clear of the design on all sides.

VIRGINIA GUBLER

We remember Virginia Gubler every ROPEX when the Gubler plate is awarded to the best topical exhibit by a RPA member. Recently, the local American Lung Association office cleaned out old files and sheets of Christmas seals and gave them to Florence Wright, a seal collector. Among the papers was the following article about Virginia Gubler written sometime in the 1970s, and we share it now with the rest of RPA members.

"This will introduce Mrs. Virginia R. Gubler, who has made a hobby of collecting Christmas seals and material related to them from countries all over the world, since she was a child.

Her adult life has been mostly spent in promoting hobbies in many ways. As Miss L. Virginia Raymond, she wrote for the *Sunday Democrat & Chronicle* from 1937 to 1953, first writing articles on antiques and hobbies of all kinds. Later she conducted and wrote interviews with many of the hobbyists of Rochester, and finally reporting news of hobby club meetings and activities.

She has been a member of the Rochester Museum Hobby Council since 1938. The object of this council was to promote hobbies in any way possible. In connection with her work with this group, she gave many hobby talks, assisted in putting on numerous hobby shows, and helped found a number of hobby clubs in this area.

Among the clubs she helped to form were the Rochester Button Society of Collectors, Inc.; the Needlecraft Club, the Doll Collectors' Society of Rochester, and the Book Collectors' Society.

For her work in promoting hobbies, the Rochester Museum Hobby Council honored her a few years ago, naming her an outstanding hobbyist and presenting her a scroll to mark the honor.

In addition to her work in the hobby field, she has pursued a fulltime career in the business world, from which she has now retired. She is looking forward to having more time to devote to her collection of Christmas seals, which she enjoys very much. Through mail, she has made many friends in other countries who have a mutual interest in this hobby. She exchanges seals with many of them in order to build up her collection.

There is also a national society devoted to this hobby, called the Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society, of which Mrs. Gubler has been a member for many years. All kinds of charity seals are collected by the membership, but Mrs. Gubler has concentrated her collecting interests to items relating to anti-tuberculosis work.

[Florence Wright is membership chairman of both RPA and the Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society; digging through old records, she found that Virginia Gubler joined RPA in 1929, received her life membership in 1955 and lived on Culver Road with her husband Fred, also an RPA member since 1934.

She was a member of the Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society from 1952 to 1973, joining before she was married. According to CS&CSS records, she died Nov. 13, 1973]

RPA Monthly Programs

- ♦ Nov. 11 "A History of Hawaii As Told Through Stamps" APS slideshow
- ♦ Nov. 25 **NO MEETING**
Happy Thanksgiving
- ♦ Dec. 9 Holiday programming and Huge Silent Auction
(Last chance of 1999 to sell your auction lots)
- ♦ Dec. 23 **NO MEETING**
Happy Holidays
- ♦ Jan. 1, 2000 **Happy New Year**
- ♦ Jan 13 "Tonga Tin Can Mail" APS slideshow

Future programming to include a joint meeting with the Rochester Numismatic Association To Be Announced!

TAGS

The RPA board has been discussing the possibility of member name tags. Many folks have asked that some kind of personal identification be used so that everyone can see a name with the face of a fellow member. Some members are able to make every meeting and they are known by most everyone. Some are not as fortunate and can only attend a few meetings a year. They are not strangers but may feel like one. A name tag would give a sense of belonging. This way there is no guessing at "who is who."

Some members already have plastic name tags such as those available from the APS and other organizations. If you have such a tag, please wear it.

At the present time we will use the Avery type "Hello, My Name Is" labels. Please, if you don't have a personal name tag, fill one of these labels out when you sign in for the meeting and wear it for the remainder of the meeting. We'll try to get a vendor that will supply any member that wants one for a reasonable price.

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